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*Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530*

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in support of Microsoft's antitrust settlement with the federal government. I think this settlement is adequate and addresses the overall concerns of the federal government.

Microsoft agreed to not enter into any agreements obligating any third party to distribute or promote any Windows technology exclusively or in a fixed percentage, make available to its competitors, on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms, any protocols implemented in Windows' operating system products that are used to interoperate natively with any Microsoft server operating system, not retaliate against computer makers who ship software that competes with anything in its Windows operating system, and agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products—a first in an antitrust settlement.

Finally, Microsoft has a commitment not only to the consumer, but also to its employees. This agreement if not approved could cause major problems, which would undermine Microsoft's commitment to its employees. Microsoft has been a good corporate employer, and its employees benefit greatly from that, and in turn so do we. I urge you to approve this settlement.

Sincerely,

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